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Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 2001/320 of 24 October 2001 establishing under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Taking into account paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001, in which the Assembly invited organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Declaration[1] and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2] within their programmes of work, as well as in their intergovernmental processes,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report[3] of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[2]

2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its 2002 annual session on mainstreaming the Programme of Action within the programme of work of the Fund;[4]

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[1] A/CONF.191/12.
[2] A/CONF.191/11.
[3] See E/2002/SR.29.
[4] See E/2002/L.10, decision 2002/8; to be issued in final form in *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 14* (E/2002/34/Rev.1-E/ICEF/2002/8/Rev.1).

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3. *Also welcomes with appreciation* the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund at its 2002 annual session to mainstream the Programme of Action within the programme of work of the United Nations Development Programme as well as in its managed funds activities, in particular the activities of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;[5]

4. *Invites* all other organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations that have not yet done so, to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Declaration[1] and Programme of Action within their programmes of work, as well as within their intergovernmental processes;

5. *Stresses* the need for further initiatives focused on cooperation between the least developed countries and other countries at the regional and subregional levels;

6. *Reaffirms* that global-level follow-up to the Brussels Programme of Action should be primarily concerned with assessing the economic and social performance of the least developed countries, monitoring the implementation of commitments by the least developed countries and their partners, reviewing the functioning of implementation and follow-up mechanisms at the country, subregional, regional and sectoral levels, and policy developments at the global level with implications for the least developed countries;

7. *Invites* each least developed country, with the support of its development partners, to promote implementation of the actions contained in the Programme of Action by translating them into specific measures within its national development framework and poverty eradication strategy, in particular, where they exist, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, and with the involvement of civil society, including the private sector, on the basis of a broad-based inclusive dialogue;

8. *Requests* the High Representative to submit a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 and invites all development partners, organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to contribute to that end, and invites the High Representative to consult with Member States on the appropriate format, such as, inter alia, a matrix of achievement, for such a comprehensive report;

9. *Calls upon* the High Representative to submit his progress report in a timely manner so as to enable due consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action at the substantive sessions of the Council;

10. *Invites* all development partners, and United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to extend to the Office of the High Representative their collaboration in the fulfilling of its mandate.

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[5] See DP/2002/23, decision 2002/14, para. 4.